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Letter dated 24 October 1997 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the Strasbourg joint statement made by the President of the Azerbaijani Republic, Mr. Heydar Aliyev, and the President of the Republic of Armenia, Mr. Levon Ter-Petrossian, at their meeting during the course of the summit of the Council of Europe, held at Strasbourg on 10 and 11 October 1997 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 40 and 81, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Strasbourg joint statement by the presidents of Azerbaijan and Armenia dated 10 October 1997

(Original: Russian)

Azerbaijan and Armenia remain committed to a peaceful settlement of the Nagorny Karabakh conflict by political means in the first place through negotiations.

Azerbaijan and Armenia believe that the framework of the Minsk Group and the activity of the Co-Chairmen of the Minsk Conference are aimed at establishing a basis which, with a constructive attitude by all the parties involved in the conflict, would make it possible to achieve real progress in the settlement of the conflict.

Azerbaijan and Armenia believe that the latest proposals of the co-Chairmen are an encouraging basis for the resumption of negotiations within the framework of the Minsk Group.